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MICHIGAN AFFAIRS.

A REVERIE BY MOONLIGHT.

By E. J. HADDINGS.

The world is wrapped in calm repose,
And night puts on her sable gown,
The moon above the hills is rose,
And twinkling stars are shining down.

The air is laden with perfume,
And on the breeze sweet odors blow,
Of flowers that on the hillside bloom,
And in the woods are softly low.

The cricket chirps within the eaves,
The bull-frog lends his hoarse croak,
The night-hawk hoots in the sky,
The owl hoots in the sky.

The sheep-bell tinkles in the fold,
The cows within the barnyard low,
The moon above the hills is rose,
And twinkling stars are shining down.

The gentle zephyrs kiss my brow,
And drive away all thoughts of care,
My life is free from trouble now,
And sweet and peaceful reigns there.

A holy silence round me clings,
As the night dew about me flows;
Great joy and happiness I bring,
And fill me with sweet repose.

The hush of soul and silent rest,
And on the breeze sweet odors blow,
Of flowers that on the hillside bloom,
And in the woods are softly low.

Oh, what a blessing is the night,
When all is hushed and still,
It steals upon us unawares,
And lulls to rest our weary eyes.

In dreamland's soothing, kind embrace
We sleep the peaceful hours away,
And sweetly dream of happy days,
Till morning comes a golden day.

And when life's narrow path is laid,
And we no more see day's bright beams,
We shall see hope's radiant smile,
And walk the happy golden dream.

Graylingville, Ind., Feb. 3, 1886.

BLIGHTED HOPES.

Mark saw the paragraph before I did. I wondered, to-day, looking back, if I could have controlled myself sufficiently to prepare him for the shock I had read the newspaper.

"I was passing Mark's cup of coffee to Jane, the servant, when I caught sight of his face. It was white and rigid, and his eyes were dilated in a stare horrible to see."

Mark cried in terror. "What is it, dear?"

"I was beside him as I spoke, and saw that his eyes were fixed on a certain place in the paper he had been reading. Then I too, read the fatal paragraph, only a few lines, just full of horror for Mark."

"Do not blame me," he said, in a whisper, shuddering as he spoke. "Oh, Bessie, I put my arms around him, and drew his head down upon my breast, where it had so often lain in childhood, when my orphaned brother came to sister Bessie to be comforted."

"I was strong," he said, "years ago, but now I am weak. I am only a poor, old man, and I am dying."

"Little graves in the cemetery marked the sorrows of my childhood, and one after another my brothers and sisters had dropped and died, until only Mark was left."

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WATERS LET LOOSE.

The Bursting of a Dam Near East Lee, Mass., Results in a Terrible Calamity.

Twelve or Thirteen Persons Drowned and Property Worth \$250,000 Totally Ruined.

(Springfield (Mass.) Telegram.)

An awful calamity, the result of carelessness, took place this morning at the village of East Lee, in Berkshire County. The dam of Pond Reservoir gave away, causing the death of eight people, and wrecking property valued at \$150,000, or \$200,000. The dam, which was situated two and one-half miles from the village, had shown signs of weakness for some time. The persons responsible or owning the privilege of its water supply had been notified, but nothing was done. The pond covered many acres of swamp, and was inclosed from its original limited size by extensive dams built by the dam-builders as a storage place for water. The torrent where the dam burst gashed forth in a resistless stream and rushed down the valley, gully, cutting a channel from fifty to two hundred feet deep, and carrying off their first news of the accident by seeing the flood pouring down the street, the water being from four to five feet deep, and bearing with it trees, parts of houses and barns, fences, wagons, and every form of movable property. The people fled to the slopes of the valley, along which the torrent was pouring, and saw the houses moved and toppled about like chips on the river.

There was not much of life or many buildings to be lost till the village was reached. Here it wrenched Edwin Sturges' barn, swept away a bridge spanning the brook, which is but small as it runs naturally, and then it rushed on, carrying with it the dwellings and manufactory shops, John Dowd's manufactory of paper machinery, and A. N. White's carriage shops were all carried off.

Mr. White's family consisted of himself and wife, and four children. They were in the house at the time of the disaster, and were all killed by the crash of the building and also sunk in the waters.

Theodore King and wife and Mrs. Chas. King rushed from their house to escape, but were killed by the flood, and the house was not destroyed.

Simon David, 40 years old, was drowned. Further down the stream John McLaughlin's machine shop, Harrison Guilford's "Forest," and the mill of the place were carried off. The mill was a large one, and the machinery was taken out by the flood, and, though weighing tons, were carried like corks. John Verna's paper mill was also carried off.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

The Work of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives, at its session on the 17th inst., passed a bill to authorize the establishment of export tobacco manufacturers and to allow them drawbacks on imported tobacco. There was a spirited exchange of sentiment on the bill to appropriate \$200,000 for the relief of sufferers by the overflow of rivers in Alabama, but no action was taken thereon. The Senate held no session.

Mr. CULUM, of Illinois, offered a bill in the Senate on the 19th inst., to increase the pension for total disability to 75 per cent. A favorable report was made on a measure for the erection of a five-foot hall of records in Washington. An adverse report was submitted on a bill to grant full pay for life to all Federal judges who may become seventy years of age or resign after thirty years' service. The House of Representatives, under the leadership of Messrs. Browne and Hatch, refused to fix a date for the consideration of the bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the pension of judges. On motion of Mr. McKee, of Arkansas, from the Committee on Public Lands, the rules were suspended and a bill was passed providing for the sale of the Cherokee reservation in the State of Kansas. Mr. Hendley, of California, introduced a resolution for an inquiry by a select committee on the relations of the Union Pacific Railroad Company to the United States. Mr. Gray, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the pension of judges. The Senate held no session.

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